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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HENSHALL ET AL.

Examiner

Bruce H. Hess

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12-3-06 (IDS).
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 4-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 4-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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Claims 1, 2 and 4-9 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by the patent to Shimizu et al. (JP 07-047772) (see applicants' International Search Report).

This patent teaches thermosensitive recording material coated with a composition comprising a color former, a hydroxyl diphenylsulfone color developer and applicants' compounds (II) and/or (III) (see Formulae 3 and/or 4 in Shimizu et al.). Since the aforementioned compounds of Formulae 3 and/or 4 are the same as applicants' compounds (II) and (III), it is inherent that they function in the manner (i.e., color developer) claimed by applicants.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-9 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by the patent to Nishimura et al. (USP 5,292,711).

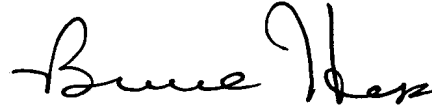
This patent teaches thermosensitive recording material coated with a composition comprising a color former, a color developer (see column 12, lines 17-31) and applicants' compound (I) (see Formula (I) in Nishimura et al.). Since the aforementioned compound of Formula (I) is the same as applicants' compounds (I), it is inherent that it functions in the manner (i.e., color developer) claimed by applicants.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-9 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by the patent to Takahashi et al. (USP 5,314,859).

This patent teaches thermosensitive recording material coated with a composition comprising a color former, applicants' compound (1) (see Formula (IV) in Shimizu et al.) as an additive and a color developer (see column 15, lines 13-39). Since the

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aforementioned compound of Formula (IV) is the same as applicants' compound (I), it is inherent that it functions in the manner (i.e., color developer) claimed by applicants.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Hess". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bruce" and the last name "Hess" clearly distinguishable.

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